

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **September 30, 2003, Work Session**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 1

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Senior Center**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution in support of accepting property at 225 Wiggington Road through donation, for the purpose of a Senior-Adult Center, to be administered by the Department of Parks & Recreation.

SUMMARY:

Mr. Orin Templeton is offering to donate property to be dedicated as a senior center. The property, located on Wiggington Road, is approximately one acre with a one story building of 4015 ft² (capacity of 120). The building was previously used as a day care center and was badly damaged by fire, rendering it uninhabitable. Mr. Templeton has the building under contract, pending agreement with the City to accept the donation. His intent is to renovate the building to meet City code prior to donation. Some initial investment would have to be made immediately to operate the facility as intended. Final improvements would be completed in FY 2005. Parks and Recreation staff has met with Mr. Templeton to discuss the donation and terms of an agreement.

The terms of the donation are as follows:

- Mr. Templeton will receive naming rights.
- Restrictions on future uses of the facility/site if the City was to abandon recreational use (tentative).

Staff has proceeded as follows:

- City Staff (Engineering, Inspections, Buildings & Grounds, Risk Management, Police, Fire, and Parks & Recreation) have toured the building and discussed renovations with Mr. Templeton, the current owner of the building, and Ed Tomlinson. Mr. Tomlinson has agreed to act as project manager during the restoration of the building. Staff has encouraged Mr. Templeton to allow City staff to participate in the restoration process. He is acceptable to the idea.
- Staff discussed the process with Mr. Templeton for acceptance of the donation, to include City Council's involvement.

Considerations:

- Capital funding will be needed immediately (capital contingency) and in FY 2005 to complete renovation of the property and building for use as a senior center.
- Staff does not anticipate the need for additional program staff. Current programs held at Miller Park will be moved to the new center. While there may be some citizen concern with the decrease in senior programming at Miller Park, a dedicated senior center will allow for expansion of programming over time.
- A volunteer representative(s) will advocate for the Center on the Senior Advisory Council.
- Additional operating funding will be needed for utilities, custodial services, grounds maintenance and general support services for programs.
- Tentative schedule is as follows: December, 2003, initial renovation completed by current owner and property acquired by City. April, 2004, mandatory initial City improvements completed. May, 2004, Senior-Adult Center formal dedication and opening. October, 2004 final City improvements begin. March, 2005, final construction completed.

PRIOR ACTION(S): NA.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$50,000 requested in Capital contingency funding in FY 2004. \$50,000 requested in FY 2005, Capital Improvement Program. Projected annual operating budget impact of \$40,000.

CONTACT(S): Kay Frazier, 847-1640 ext 128, Andrew Reeder, 847-1640 ext 110, and Benita Ripley, 847-1640, ext 105.

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lynchburg City Council hereby approves the acceptance of property and building at 225 Wiggington Road through donation for the development/operation of a Senior-Adult Center administered by the Department of Parks & Recreation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign the necessary documents to accept this property.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

161L